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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged from 2 to 6 degrees above normal over all of Nebraska except in the northeast. Snow cover of 2 to 8 inches in that area kept temperatures to near normal. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday were unseasonably warm.

There was no precipitation during the week. There was abundant sunshine. Winds were light.

CROPS Mild weather during most of last week was favorable for farm work. Snow across most of the western and northern parts of the State melted slowly, improving the surface moisture supply. Some snow cover remained in areas getting the heaviest snowfall. Surface soil moisture is short in a number of south central and adjacent counties to the east and northeast.

Winter grains maintained their good outlook although the crop needs moisture or a snow cover in the drier areas, especially the south central sections. In some places, winter grains are providing pasturage. The recent snowfall was beneficial for wheat in the areas getting the moisture.

Field work is largely at a seasonal standstill, although some activity in stalk-cutting and spreading fertilizers was reported. Farmers and ranchers were mainly occupied with winter chores, caring for livestock, grinding and hauling feed, repair work, and fencing.

Pastures, ranges, and stalk fields were mostly open for grazing and livestock were doing well on field feed and roughage. Moisture cleaned and softened cured grass and pasture feeds which was helpful. Nearly all sections of the State have ample hay supplies except the extreme northwest. The winter so far has been favorable for conserving hay stocks and getting full use of field feeds.

LIVESTOCK Mild weather was ideal for livestock which are putting on good gains. Production rates are well above average. Producers are interested in expanding livestock feeding and hog production. Demand is strong for breeding sows and boars, and local sales are well attended.

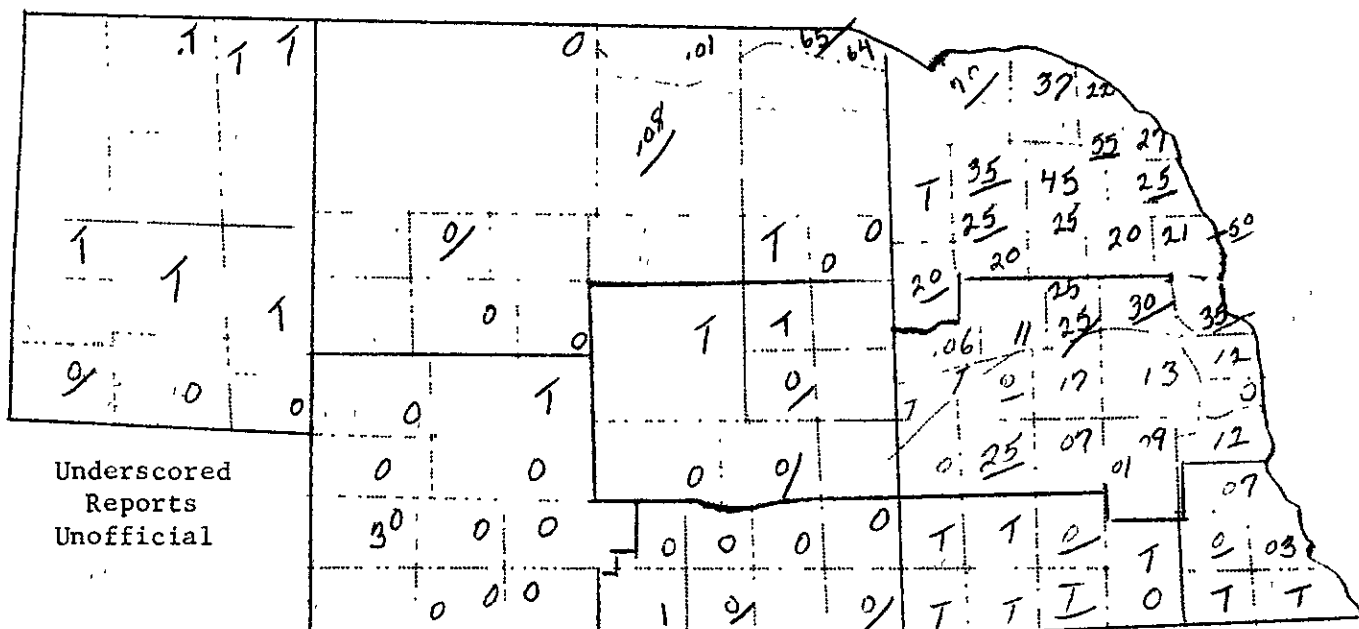
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 9, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

December precipitation and departures from normal by divisions. (Not published last week.)

<u>Div.</u>	<u>Precipitation</u>	<u>Departure</u>
NW	.64	/.21
NC	.38	-.14
NE	.37	-.42
CEN	.33	-.23
EC	.23	-.62
SW	.69	/.22
SC	.40	-.20
SE	.26	-.69

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 6, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		January		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	27	8	38	7	37	18	39	22	42	17	38	22	48	24		
	Scottsbluff	28	1	37	8	39	13	43	19	46	18	43	20	53	24		
	Sidney	33	11	42	10	44	21	51	23	55	25	48	17	54	21		
NC	Burwell	31	5	44	12	47	14	49	17	58	24	40	16	37	--		
	Valentine	27	6	36	16	40	15	43	19	47	27	36	17	40	24		
NE	Norfolk	34	5	36	11	43	15	44	23	48	27	39	9	33	25		
	Sioux City	14	-7	34	9	29	7	39	16	41	23	41	4	24	18		
CEN	Grand Island	38	10	46	19	52	19	53	20	56	27	43	17	37	24		
	Lincoln	35	11	44	24	56	25	56	28	58	34	42	16	37	26		
	Omaha	15	1	34	17	46	20	46	25	52	34	43	13	39	19		
SW	Imperial	35	10	43	3	45	15	46	20	51	25	42	18	43	23		
	North Platte	34	5	--	6	42	12	45	14	48	21	41	17	32	25		

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